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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022 YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER

Serve to Change Lives

LIBBY MCRAE YVC ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS



Ms. McRae has been the Surgical Technology Program Coordinator in the Allied Health Department at YVC for the past 17 years. She is a Certified Surgical Technologist, a Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technology, and still works in the operating room at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. She received her initial surgical education in the United States Army, graduating in 1992.

Ms. McRae is very involved in the surgical technology profession, at both the state and national level. She currently serves on the executive board for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting as their Treasurer. Past involvement includes serving for the state Association of Surgical Technologists in every board position, including president. She recently completed a tenure as Chair of the Revision Panel for the National Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology, 7th edi-

tion, which is required for all programs nationwide. Ms. McRae also recently completed her 6th year on the National Education and Professional Standards Committee, three of those as Chair.

Despite all her professional involvement, her focus and passion are teaching students to serve this community as future health care professionals. She will be presenting the Allied Health Technology Programs to us on behalf of the department.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Aaron Ruff, Tammy Hanlon Music – Eisenhower Jazz Band Invocation – Rick Pinnell Sergeant-at-Arms – Kevan Montoya Program – Linda Kaminski Marble Draw – Gail Weaver

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 5th – Dan Peters, Raymond
Carver
May 12th – Thomas Reynolds,
Northwest Harvest
May 19th – Academic Scholarship
Awards
May 26th – Rick Pinnell, Vietnam

Veterans

MARBLE DRAW

7 marbles \$1,205 plus sales from this meeting



ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 12th – 15th WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER

Yakima Rotary is part of a Rotary District 5060 which spans from Central British Columbia (Clearwater) to South Central Washington (Prosser). The annual District Conference is an opportunity for Rotarians throughout the District to gather, have fun, and learn.

Events will start on Thursday with a welcome reception and dinner at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Friday is set aside for fun activities and tours and home hosting dinners that evening. Saturday is a day of speakers that include CWU's Nick Zenter, Jim Margraff talking about taking great ideas from vision to reality, and Michael Caruso on making amazing first impressions and keeping people engaged. Breakout sessions on the environment, membership, grants, fundraising, international service, DEI, and polio are scheduled as well. Saturday ends with a dinner banquet. It all ends of Sunday with awards and send off.

Registration is underway with a discount if you sign-up by May 1st. You can sign up for all weekend, two days, or for Saturday only. More information and registration can be found at rotary5060.org.

GRANT THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Yakima Rotary Charities,

On behalf of People for People, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$5,000. Your donation helps to support out most vulnerable populations.

People for People provides the Meals On Wheels service to seniors in Yakima County. We help seniors remain healthy and independent, in their own homes, and out of institutional care. With COVID-19, we experienced a 40% increase in the need for home delivered meals. The number of meals per month we provide our seniors increased from 10,000 to over 14,000.

Your donation supports our Meals On Wheels capital campaign to improve efficiency of food preparation and delivery of nutritious meals to Yakima County seniors. Our food warehouse is located in Union Gap, and preparation of the meals take place at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center, Grandview Senior Center, and the Selah Community Center. Having separate locations for storage as well as sharing and maintaining three kitchens, strains our ability to serve the growing number of seniors who need a hot meal, a caring check-in, food for their furry companion, and socialization. A new commercial kitchen, small cafe area, and administrative offices for the Meals On Wheels Program, totaling 6,000 square feet, allows People for People to better focus its resources and time to provide much-needed meals to seniors and expand capacity.

As a result of your donation, we move closer to our goal to increase the number of seniors who have regular access to meals. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Kind Regards, Madelyn Carlson



The FABULOUS FIRESIDE DINNERS! May 15-25

One of the most popular things we do.

Fill out the sign up sheet at the next meeting or Text / email Dana Dwinell 509–952–2711, dana@d2cmu.com

- REVIEW -

On a day set aside to acknowledge some extraordinary students, exceptional is the perfect way to describe the meeting. Our greeters, Billy Bacon, Trevor Greene, and Steve Hahn welcomed everyone as they entered. The room was filled with the amazing sounds of students who were mainly from Davis High School performing as part of the Yakima School District's Pandemonium Steel Drum Group. David Lynx followed with blessings in recognition of Ramadan. The theme carried over to Dana Dwinell's pitch for the Fireside/Scholarship Dinners and the many ways as a large club we find to connect whether it be building things, cleaning-up things, donating things, or sharing a dinner. The annual Fireside/Scholarship Dinners are one of the best things we do – if you haven't already signed up, now is the time to do so.

The stars of the program were our 2022 Vocational Scholarship recipients and the friends and family members who joined us to celebrate them. Committee Chair David McKinney began the presentation by sharing some quick statistics. There were 38 applications received. A total of \$37,800 was awarded to 21 students of diverse backgrounds ranging between the ages of 18 and 60 and representing 15 different programs between Perry Tech and YVC. Eight of the recipients are graduating high school students. The application process began several months ago with the scoring of applicants on grades, community service, and financial need. All of them participated in a personal interview where they were evaluated on their communication skills, passion, and goals.

As each student came to the podium, they shared where they are or plan to attend school, their gratefulness to Rotary for our financial support and belief in them, and their goals to achieve degrees and certificates in substance abuse disorder studies, dental hygiene, construction and carpentry, welding, information technology and system communications, HVAC, automotive technology, business technology and accounting, veterinary technology, business management, agribusiness, electrical

technology, and instrumentation and industrial automation technology.

YVC President Linda Kaminski and Perry Technical Institute President Christine Cote both had an opportunity to speak as well. They shared these non-traditional students are not looking to experiment or try different things – they know where they want to go and what they want to do. They are focused, goal-directed, and passionate about their chosen careers and want to get there now. Some are first generation, some are following in the footsteps of a family member, and all are serving as role models for others. They have overcome hardships, challenges, and disabilities. Their scholarship funds will be used to pay tuition, purchase tools needed for their profession, and to provide for everyday necessities. Because of Rotary many can breathe a sigh of relief financially. The annual Scholarship Dinners happening soon make these scholarships happen - our collective investment in them is an investment in our community.

It was a great day that not only brought joy to our scholarship recipients but joy and sometimes tears to us as well. Tressa Shockley gave a great sergeant-at-arms that ended with the perfect quote directed to our students. "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." Mark Anthony





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